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Commission of Experts Established Pursuant to Security Council resolution 780 (1992)

A. Revised estimates under section 38, Legal activities

1. In its resolution 771 (1992) of 13 August 1992, the Security Council reaffirmed the international obligations flowing from international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 1/ and called upon States and international humanitarian organizations to collate substantiated information in their possession or submitted to them relating to the violation of humanitarian law, including grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, being committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia and to make that information available to the Security Council.

2. By paragraph 2 of its resolution 780 (1992) of 6 October 1992, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to establish, as a matter of urgency, an impartial commission of experts on violations of international law committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. The terms of reference of the Commission, as set out in resolution 780 (1992), are to examine and analyse the information submitted pursuant to resolutions 771 (1992) and 780 (1992), together with such further information as the Commission may obtain through its own investigations or efforts, with a view to providing the Secretary-General with its conclusions on the evidence of grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions and other violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

3. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has established a Commission of Experts composed, in the first instance, of five members, one of whom he has designated Chairman. The members of the Commission, who will serve in their personal capacity, were appointed with due regard to their professional

qualifications, in particular in the areas of human rights, humanitarian and criminal law and prosecution, experience, integrity and absolute impartiality.

4. The Secretary-General has decided that the Commission would be located at the United Nations Office at Geneva and would be supported by a small secretariat to provide the necessary substantive, secretarial and administrative assistance. The Legal Counsel has been assigned overall responsibility for the work of the Commission, which will be serviced as a legal body by the Office of Legal Affairs. Appropriate office space and conference facilities will be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva.

5. In establishing the Commission, the Secretary-General has taken into account the decision of the Commission on Human Rights (decision 1992/305 of 18 August 1992) to appoint a Special Rapporteur to investigate at first hand and receive information on the human rights situation in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. The secretariat of the Commission of Experts will see to it that the Commission, in the discharge of its mandate to analyse information with a view to providing conclusions on the evidence of grave breaches of humanitarian law, has at its disposal the information gathered within the Centre for Human Rights.

B. Requirements for 1992-1993 at full cost

6. Requirements for 1992-1993 are currently estimated at $1,238,700 on a full-cost basis. It is assumed that the Commission would meet at Geneva for approximately three to four days, every four weeks over a nine-month period. The Chairman would work full-time in Geneva for an initial period of nine months, and the four other members of the Commission would travel to Geneva approximately four times and work a total of four months each, as required. The Chairman would receive compensation equivalent to salary at the assistant secretary-general level and the other members of the Commission would receive compensation on an as-worked basis equivalent to the salary of a D-2. The core secretariat would initially be composed of three Legal Officers at the D-1, P-4 and P-3 levels, assisted by two General Service (Other level) staff. The estimated requirements also include provision for one mission to the territory of the former Yugoslavia for a two-week period. In addition, provision is made for the establishment of a computerized database of the reports submitted on alleged violations.

7. Regarding conference-servicing costs, it is assumed that the Commission would require interpretation into English and French and other meetings services for a total of 72 meetings. It is also estimated that the Commission would require 52 documents (260 pages) to be translated and issued in English and French.

8. On the basis of the above assumptions, the estimated requirements are summarized below:

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(a)	Commission and its secretariat	
	Compensation of the Chairman and four other members of the Commission	273 000
	Travel and subsistence of members of the Commission	142 400
	Salaries and common staff costs (one D-1, one P-4 and one P-3)	250 300
	Travel and subsistence of staff on mission	84 400
	General temporary assistance (20 work-months General Service (Other level))	120 000
	Data processing services	10 000
	Rental and maintenance of office equipment	4 900
	Supplies and miscellaneous	10 000
	Office automation equipment (three personal computers)	10 300
	Total (a)	905 300
(b)	Mission to the territory of the former Yugoslavia	
	Travel of members of the Commission	19 600
	Travel of staff	7 300
	Total (b)	26 900
(c)	Conference-servicing costs	306 500
	Grand total (a), (b), (c)	1 238 700

C. Potential for absorption

9. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, 2/ the requirements of the Commission would be met as far as possible from existing resources. Accordingly, at this stage, the Secretary-General would propose to redeploy temporarily in 1993 for the substantive servicing of the Commission a D-1 post and a P-3 post available for such redeployment in the context of the new treatment of vacancies and to use the P-4 post of Legal Liaison Officer at Geneva for this purpose. As appropriate, the Commission would also draw upon the resources made available to the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights.

10. With respect to the conference-servicing costs, the programme budget for 1992-1993 provides not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences are consistent with the pattern of meetings in previous years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 41, Administration and management, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

D. Net additional requirements

11. Additional appropriations of $681,900 would, however, be required under section 38, Legal activities, of the programme budget for 1992-1993 to cover the requirements for the compensation and travel of members of the Commission, as well as travel of its secretariat and general operating expenses, as follows:

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Compensation of experts	273 000
Travel of experts	162 000
Travel and subsistence of staff on mission	84 400
Other travel of staff	7 300
General temporary assistance	120 000
Data processing services	10 000
Rental and maintenance of office equipment	4 900
Supplies and miscellaneous	10 000
Office automation equipment	10 300
Total	681 900

E. Contingency fund

12. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, additional expenditures proposed over and above those in the programme budget should be accommodated within a contingency fund, revised to a level of $18 million for the biennium 1992-1993. Paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, however, provides, inter alia, that revised estimates:

> "arising from the impact of extraordinary expenses, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as fluctuations in rates of exchange and inflation, shall not be covered by the contingency fund and shall continue to be treated in accordance with established procedures and under the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules."

13. In the Secretary-General's view, implementation of Security Council resolution 780 (1992) relates to the maintenance of peace and security. Accordingly, it is also his view that the related requirements of $681,900 that would arise are of an extraordinary nature, relating to the maintenance of peace and security, and should be treated outside the procedures related to the contingency fund.

F. Summary

14. It is estimated that an additional appropriation of $681,900 would be required under section 38 of the programme budget for 1992-1993.

15. The Secretary-General believes that these requirements should be dealt with under the provisions of paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 and should thus be treated outside the procedures related to the contingency fund.

16. The present estimates do not anticipate requirements that may arise from decisions that the Commission may take at its meeting from 14 to 18 December 1992 or subsequent meetings on investigations in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, for example, examination of mass grave sites, or activities pursuant to requests made by other bodies such as the Commission on Human Rights. Should such additional requirements arise, the Secretary-General could have recourse to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures.

Notes

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

Programme budget implications of the draft resolutions contained in document A/C.3/47/L.42 and A/C.3/47/L.43

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

INTRODUCTION

1. At its 52nd meeting, held on 1 December 1992, the Third Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A/C.3/47/L.42, as orally revised, and A/C.3/47/L.43. Statements of programme budget implications were before the Committee in documents A/C.3/47/L.46 and A/C.3/47/L.47.

I. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING REPORTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.42

2. By operative paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.42 the General Assembly would:

(a) Call upon all States parties to fulfil without delay and in full their financial obligations under the relevant instruments on human rights, and request the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of strengthening collection procedures and making them more effective;

(b) Emphasize that any administrative and budgetary measures shall be provided without prejudice to the duty of States parties under United Nations human rights instruments to meet all their current and outstanding financial obligations pursuant to such instruments;

(c) Endorse the amendments to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1/ and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2/ and request the Secretary-General:

(i) To take the appropriate measures to provide for the financing of the committees established under those conventions from the regular budget of the United Nations, beginning in 1994-1995;

(ii) To take the necessary measures to ensure that the two committees meet as scheduled until the amendments enter into force.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work

3. The requests contained in paragraph 2 above relate to subprogramme 1, Implementation of international instruments and procedures, of programme 35, Promotion and protection of human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 3/ and to activities programmed under subprogramme 1 of section 28, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 4/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. With regard to operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, which would endorse the amendments to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the respective States parties at their meetings on 15 January 1992 and 9 September 1992, the States parties also decided that the amendments should enter into force after approval by the Assembly and acceptance by two thirds of the States parties, which shall have so notified the Secretary-General as depositary. The full text of the amendments is found in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implications of full funding for the operation of all human rights treaty bodies". 5/

5. With regard to part (a) of operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, it should be recalled that the two committees in question are either partially or fully funded by assessments of States parties under specific scales of assessment. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is partially funded through assessments, i.e., only the travel and subsistence costs for the 18 members are covered by assessments. Conference-servicing costs as well as staffing requirements are provided for under the regular budget. On the other hand, the Committee against Torture is fully funded

through assessments, which include the travel and subsistence of the 10 members of the Committee, staffing requirements and the conference-servicing costs.

6. Should draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.42 be adopted, then beginning with the proposed programme budget 1994-1995 all requirements of these two committees would be provided for under the regular budget.

D. Additional requirements at full cost for the biennium 1994-1995

7. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.42, the full cost estimates of the funding of the two committees during the biennium 1994-1995 would be as follows:

	Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1994-1995, at 1993 rates)	Convention against Torture (1994-1995, at 1993 rates)
	$	$
(a) Activities of treaty bodies		
Travel and subsistence costs of members of the Committees		
18 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	475 000	
10 members of the Committee against Torture		231 600
Emoluments	140 000	80 000
Staffing requirements (1 P-4, 1 P-2, 1 GS)	-	556 800
Subtotal (a)	615 000	868 400

	Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1994-1995, at 1993 rates)	Convention against Torture (1994-1995, at 1993 rates)
	$	$
(b) Conference-servicing costs		
Four sessions of the Committee (two each year)	-	2 306 800
Meetings of States parties (biennial session in 1995)	-	54 200
Subtotal (b)	-	2 361 000
Total, (a) and (b)	615 000	3 229 400

8. It should be noted that currently the substantive support to the Committee against Torture is provided by 1 P-4, 1 P-2 and 1 General Service post, which, in accordance with article 18, paragraph 3, of the Convention, are financed by the States parties. These staff resources will continue to be provided in 1994-1995 under the regular budget.

9. As discussed above, the States parties, in adopting amendments to the Conventions, also adopted similar amendments concerning the payment of honoraria. As detailed in the report of the Secretary-General, 5/ the States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (art. 8, para. 7) and the States parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (art. 18, para. 4) adopted the following amendment:

> "The members of the Committee established under the present Convention shall [, with the approval of the General Assembly,]* receive emoluments from the United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide". 6/

10. Therefore, should the General Assembly so decide, emoluments would also be required for the 18 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and 10 members of the Committee against Torture. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980, an amount of

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* The phrase within brackets appeared only in the new article 8, paragraph 7, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

$5,000 per year would be provided to the Chairman and $3,000 per year to each of the members of the two committees. However, in a recent report of the Secretary-General now before the General Assembly 7/ it is proposed to increase the rates of honoraria by 25 per cent. Should this proposal be adopted, the amounts mentioned above would become $6,250 per year for the Chairman of the Committee and $3,750 for the other members. Therefore, subject to a decision by the Assembly, these amounts ($70,000 annually for the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and $40,000 annually for the Committee against Torture) have provisionally been included in the total full cost estimate.

11. With regard to subparagraph (b) of operative paragraph 9, it should be recalled that, in the case of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, non-payment by a number of States of their assessments has resulted in the cancellation or curtailment of the Committee's sessions in 1986, 1989 and 1990. This trend has continued in 1992, a year in which the lack of sufficient funds resulted in the cancellation of the Committee's spring session and the curtailment of its summer session from three to two weeks. In the case of the Committee against Torture, there has not been a cancellation or curtailment of the Committee's sessions as a result of insufficient funds. Although an increasing number of States parties have accumulated arrears in their assessment, it is expected that sufficient resources will be available in 1993, thus enabling the Committee against Torture to meet as scheduled.

12. In operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would call upon all States parties to fulfil without delay and in full their financial obligations under the relevant instruments on human rights, and would request the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of strengthening collection procedures and making them more effective. It would, therefore, be the intention of the Secretary-General to forward as early as possible in January 1993 to the States parties to the two Conventions assessment letters urgently calling upon the States parties to pay their contributions. In addition, the Secretary-General would endeavour to seek voluntary contributions to help to cover any shortfall.

13. It is not, however, possible at this time to ascertain whether or not the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will have sufficient funds in 1993 to hold its scheduled two annual sessions of three weeks' duration. It is estimated that the net requirements representing travel and subsistence allowance for the 18 members of the Committee for its two regular sessions in 1993 would be $236,800.

14. Should there continue to be insufficient collection of assessed contributions and should voluntary contributions be insufficient to cover any shortfall, the Secretary-General intends to consult the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at an appropriate time in the spring of 1993 on the measures that may need to be taken in order to ensure that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination meets as scheduled in that year.

E. Summary

15. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.42, it is estimated at this stage that no additional appropriation would be required for 1993. The necessary additional provisions for the financing of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee against Torture under the regular budget would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

A. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.43

16. By operative paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.43 the General Assembly would:

(a) Approve the recommendation contained in the resolution adopted by consensus by the meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 11 November 1992, in which the States parties reaffirmed the recommendations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the organization of the future work of the Committee on the basis of two sessions per year, each of up to three weeks' duration, as may be decided by the Committee in the light of its anticipated workload, and the establishment of a pre-sessional working group that would meet for one week approximately two months in advance of each session for a preliminary review of reports from States parties;

(b) Authorize the Secretary-General to implement this recommendation;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities, within the overall existing budget framework, for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work

17. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.43 relate to subprogramme 1, Implementation of international instruments and procedures, of programme 35, Promotion and protection of human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 3/ and to activities programmed under subprogramme 1 of section 28, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 4/

C. Additional requirements at full cost

18. With regard to operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution on the organization of the future work of the Committee, it should be recalled that, under the terms of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the

General Assembly in its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, the Committee on the Rights of the Child meets annually for a period of three weeks, and that resources for one meeting in 1992 and one in 1993 have been provided in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. However, the two pre-sessional working groups and the additional session of the Committee have not been programmed in the 1992-1993 programme budget. They would thus entail additional requirements, as summarized below:

		$ (at 1993 rates)
(a)	Travel and subsistence costs	
(i)	10 members of the Committee for a second session of up to three weeks	75 000
(ii)	5 members participating in the two pre-sessional working groups ($17,900 each)	35 800
	Total (a)	110 800
(b)	Conference-servicing costs	
(i)	Second session of three weeks in 1993	892 900
	(Interpretation, 30 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
	(Pre-session documentation: 200 pages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
	(In-session documentation: 20 pages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
	(Post-session documentation: 20 pages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
	(Summary records: 30 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
(ii)	Two pre-sessional working groups in 1993	114 000
	(Interpretation, 10 meetings each: A,C,E,F,R,S)	
	Total (b)	1 006 900

D. Potential for absorption

Travel and subsistence costs

19. It should be recalled that, in the expectation that the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families would enter into force in 1993, the General Assembly approved, under section 28 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993,

an amount of $66,000 for travel and related costs for the initial 10 members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. However, owing to the lower than anticipated number of ratifications, the Convention is not expected to enter into force in 1993, and therefore the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families will not be meeting in that year. It is therefore proposed to redeploy this amount in order partially to finance the proposed additional meetings of the two pre-sessional working groups and of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Since this redeployment would still leave a shortfall of $44,800 ($110,000 less $66,000), it is proposed to provide for this shortfall in the context of the revised estimates under section 28, Human rights, which will be submitted to the General Assembly during the course of the current session.

20. In connection with operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, in which the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities, within the overall existing budget framework, for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, no additional staff resources are envisaged beyond what was originally approved by the General Assembly, that is, one P-4, one P-2 and one General Service post, by its resolution 45/248 B V of 21 December 1990.

Conference-servicing costs

21. The estimates of conference-servicing costs of $1,006,900 for 1993 are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 41, Administration and management, of the programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. However, as indicated in the programme budget, the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under the new section 41, Administration and management, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Summary of additional requirements

22. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.43, it is estimated that an additional appropriation amounting to $44,800 would be required.

F. Contingency Fund

23. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources available from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

24. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 28 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.43 may have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

III. CONCLUSION

25. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.42 no additional appropriation would be required at this stage. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.43 an additional appropriation of $44,800 would be required under section 28, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

2/ General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II, as amended by A/47/6.

4/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED PERSONS AND THE FAMILY

The convening of a world summit for social development

Programme budget implications of revised draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 60th meeting, on 9 December 1992, the Third Committee adopted without a vote revised draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51/Rev.1. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.3/47/L.80. Although the statement was based on the original draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51, it remains valid for the revised draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51/Rev.1.

A. Requests contained in the revised draft resolution

2. Under the terms of revised draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51/Rev.1, the General Assembly would, inter alia,

(a) Decide to convene a world summit for social development at the level of heads of State and/or Government to be held in early 1995* (operative para. 3);

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* Notwithstanding, Governments may be represented at the ministerial or similarly high level.

(b) Accept with deep appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Denmark to host the Summit (operative para. 4);

(c) Decide, taking into account the objectives set out in the resolution, that the core-issues affecting all societies to be addressed by the Summit are (operative para. 6):

(i) The enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups;

(ii) The alleviation and reduction of poverty;

(iii) The expansion of productive employment;

(d) Decide to establish a Preparatory Committee open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly (operative para. 7);

(e) Decide also that the Preparatory Committee should hold an organizational session of one week's duration in April 1993 and, at the level of personal representatives of the heads of State or Government or other appropriate high level representatives specifically designated by Governments, three additional substantive sessions in 1994 of no more than 10 working days (operative para. 8);

(f) Decide that the Preparatory Committee should:

(i) Consider the reports submitted to it by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system on matters relating to the World Summit for Social Development;

(ii) Draft the provisional agenda of the Summit, in accordance with the provisions of the resolution;

(iii) Prepare the draft decisions for the Summit and submit them to the Summit for consideration and adoption;

(iv) Adopt other appropriate decisions relevant to the successful preparation, outcome and follow-up of the Summit (operative para. 10);

(g) Request the Secretary-General to establish an ad hoc secretariat unit, including personnel of the relevant agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, to assist in the preparatory process and the substantive work of the Preparatory Committee (operative para. 11);

(h) Recommend that the Commission for Social Development give consideration to the agenda of the World Summit for Social Development at its thirty-third session, in 1993, and to the question of holding an extraordinary

session dedicated solely to the question of the World Summit for Social Development before the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in 1994 (operative para. 12);

(i) Recommend also that the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session in 1993 should consider the theme "World Summit for Social Development" (operative para. 13);

(j) Request the regional commissions to include in their programmes of work for 1993 the World Summit for Social Development, with particular emphasis on the social situation in their respective regions, including proposals, and to prepare an integrated report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (operative para. 14);

(k) Invite the Secretary-General to provide the resources required for initiating the preparatory process of the World Summit in 1993, including through redeployments (operative para. 18);

(l) Invite also the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund and to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparation and holding of the Summit (operative para. 19);

(m) Decide that the resources of the trust fund should be utilized to finance the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory process (operative para. 20);

(n) Request the Preparatory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions on the progress of work and the preparations for the Summit (operative para. 21).

B. Description of activities proposed and their estimates at full cost

3. The activities proposed in the draft resolution at the present time fall primarily under programmes 11 (Overall issues and policies, including coordination), 12 (Global development issues and policies), 18 (Population), 25 (Global social issues and policies), 26 (Integration of social groups), programmes 30 to 34 concerning regional cooperation for development, 35 (Promotion and protection of human rights), and 39 (Conference and library services) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 1/ and sections 21 (Social development and humanitarian affairs), 39 (Department of Economic and Social Development), 23 to 27 (Economic Commission for Africa, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia respectively), and 41 (Department of Administration and Management) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

Substantive activities

4. Based on the nature of the core issues described in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the related activities would fall within the new economic and social structures being introduced in the second phase of the reorganization of the Secretariat. Such activities would include the preparation of relevant reports, coordination and supervision of substantive preparations, inter-agency coordination, liaison with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and administrative services.

5. With regard to operative paragraph 11 concerning the establishment of an ad hoc secretariat unit, attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 35/10 C in which the Assembly decided that the secretariats for special conferences should, to the extent possible, be provided by the existing Secretariat machinery with such temporary strengthening as may be required. The intention of the Secretary-General is to utilize staff resources that will be part of the new structures mentioned above. Such staff resources would be drawn essentially from the Department of Economic and Social Development and the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. In addition, it is expected that additional staff would be made available, as appropriate, from other relevant organizations of the United Nations system.

6. Since the preparation of the Summit was not envisaged when the programme budget for 1992-1993 was approved by the General Assembly, additional resources would be required. First, an additional provision would be required for temporary assistance in the amount of $100,000 in order to support the activities related to the organizational and coordination aspects of the Summit. Secondly, for the purpose of initiating the preparations for the Summit, consultations with Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations would be required. The related travel requirements for such consultations during 1993 would amount to $40,000. Thirdly, at the initial stage of these preparations, consultants would be required to provide expertise in the preparation of background papers to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee both at its organizational session (1993) and at its first substantive session to be held in 1994. The requirements are estimated at $25,000 for 1993.

Regional preparations

7. Under the terms of operative paragraph 14, the regional commissions would include in their programmes of work for 1993 activities that would contribute to the preparations for the Summit. Such activities would focus on the preparation of reports that would address the core issues at the regional level, to be synthesized for submission to the Preparatory Committee in its deliberations. In order for representatives of the regional commissions to participate in the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee, travel requirements are estimated at $24,600.

Preparatory Committee

8. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 7 through 10, a Preparatory Committee open to the participation of all Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, would be established and would hold its organizational session in 1993. The establishment of such a Preparatory Committee constitutes an exception to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/10 C, by which the Assembly decided that preparatory committees should be established for special conferences only if that function could not be appropriately performed by an existing intergovernmental organ.

9. Taking into account that New York would be the established headquarters for the preparations of the Summit, it is assumed that the meetings of the Preparatory Committee would also be convened in New York. The cost estimates for convening in 1993 the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee would be based on the following assumptions:

(a) The duration would be for five days in New York;

(b) There would be two meetings daily;

(c) The languages would be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish;

There would be pre-session documentation of 50 pages (3 documents), in-session documentation of 30 pages (3 documents) and post-session documentation of 24 pages (1 document), to be issued in the six languages of the General Assembly.

10. The related full cost of providing conference servicing for a five-day session in New York in 1993 is estimated at $165,600, as follows:

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I.	Pre-session documentation (50 pages, 3 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	51 500
II.	Meeting servicing (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	58 200
III.	In-session documentation (30 pages, 3 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	31 900
IV.	Post-session documentation (24 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	24 000
	Total	165 600

11. The estimated conference-servicing requirements for the first, second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee to be convened in 1994 and of the Summit itself in 1995 will be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995. Similarly, additional resources which may be required for substantive activities related to the preparation and holding of the Summit would be included in that programme budget.

Trust fund

12. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 19 and 20, the Secretary-General would establish a trust fund for the World Summit for the purpose of financing additional activities required for the preparation and holding of the Summit and the financing of the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory meetings.

Holding of the World Summit for Social Development

13. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3 and 4, the General Assembly would decide to convene the World Summit in early 1995 and would accept the offer of the Government of Denmark to host the Summit. It is understood that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 11 December 1985, any additional costs resulting from this offer would be borne by the host Government.

14. The cost estimates for the convening of the Summit in 1995, the duration of which will be determined by the Preparatory Committee, will be dealt with in the context of the preparations for the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995.

C. Additional requirements for the biennium 1992-1993

15. The total additional requirements for 1993 would amount to $189,600 (see paras. 6 and 7 above), comprising $100,000 for general temporary assistance, $25,000 for consultants, $40,000 for travel of staff and $24,600 for travel of representatives of the regional commissions to the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee in 1993. These requirements would represent additional expenditures to be treated in the context of the guidelines for the use of the Contingency Fund.

16. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the Contingency Fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium.

17. No activities are proposed for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, in order to finance the activities proposed. In the event, therefore, that resources are not available from the Contingency Fund, the activities related to the preparations in 1993 for the World Summit would have to be postponed and the estimated costs would have to be taken into account in the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

18. With regard to the 1993 conference-servicing requirements ($165,600) those cost estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing costs requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 41 of the programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. However, as indicated in the programme budget, the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of the budget preparations but also meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of revised draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51/Rev.1.

19. As regards the estimated requirements for 1994-1995, appropriate proposals would be made to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

D. Summary

20. Should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.3/47/L.51/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of $189,600 would be required under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, an amount of $23,600 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment) to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: REVISED ESTIMATES UNDER SECTION 28, HUMAN RIGHTS

Report of the Secretary-General

I. BACKGROUND

1. It will be recalled that, starting with the 1986-1987 proposed programme budget, provision has been made in the successive proposed programme budgets for requirements in relation to those future mandates to be approved by the Economic and Social Council upon decisions of the Commission on Human Rights which were considered as "perennials". Perennial activities have been considered to be (a) those of a fact-finding nature relating to a particular country or area dealing with allegations of violations of human rights or investigatory procedures, e.g. special rapporteurs, and (b) those resulting from mandates that are reviewed periodically.

2. In section XI, paragraph 1, of its resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, the General Assembly decided that additional requirements for those new mandates emanating from decisions of the Economic and Social Council, which were outside the scope of the perennial activities included under the section for human rights, were to be treated in accordance with the provisions for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

3. In the context of the review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was informed that it was not the intention of the Secretariat to continue to produce statements of programme budget implications for perennial activities in the future since provision for such activities was included in the programme budget. This practice was put into effect at the forty-eighth

session of the Commission on Human Rights and at the 1992 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council.

4. In the course of this year, however, it has become apparent that the number of special rapporteurs, representatives, experts and working groups dealing with situations of human rights and related mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General has considerably increased and that the scope of the activities of all such procedures has expanded as a result, inter alia, of the new climate of international relations. Under these circumstances the question of the adequacy of the aggregate budgetary provision for perennial activities has become an issue of concern for the Centre for Human Rights. The recent mandate of the first special session of the Commission on Human Rights concerning the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia has greatly contributed to this situation.

5. It will be recalled that the General Assembly, in its resolution 46/118 of 17 December 1991, emphasized that, in reviewing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, adequate staffing, temporary assistance and other resources should be allocated to the Centre so as to enable it to respond to its increasing workload and to cover its needs in order to carry out all functions assigned to it, including the preparations for the World Conference on Human Rights and the Conference itself.

II. ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

6. As mentioned above, the work programme of the Centre for Human Rights has over the past several years been expanding as the result of the new climate of international relations, which has been more receptive of the work of special rapporteurs and other human rights-monitoring mechanisms. This, in turn, has led to a more active role for special rapporteurs and an increased utilization of the existing procedures of monitoring by the designated special rapporteurs. In addition under the so-called 1503 (confidential) procedure three new mandates have been authorized by the Commission on Human Rights.

7. In addition, the operational activities of the Centre, including advisory services and technical assistance, aimed at strengthening national institutions to protect and promote human rights and democratic processes have also greatly increased.

8. In practical terms, this new emphasis on work of the special rapporteurs and on technical cooperation activities, has meant more missions, more related Secretariat activities, including the generation and preparation of more reports, more communications with Governments and the analysis of more printed or audiovisual material than ever before.

9. Furthermore, the Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities has requested additional work of the Secretariat, through the appointment of rapporteurs charged with the preparation of studies

and reports, such as extreme poverty, forced eviction, transfer of population, minority conflict resolution, the right to a fair trial, state of emergency, environment, independence of the judiciary and the ownership and control of the cultural property of indigenous peoples. These additional mandates have entailed increased costs for travel of representatives to Geneva to consult on the work related to their mandates.

10. In view of the expansion of the activities of the special rapporteurs and of the resulting increase in the work of the Secretariat, the Secretary-General has redeployed 16 Professional posts (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 10 P-3, 2 P-2) to the Centre for Human Rights from 15 October 1992, for an initial period of six months.

11. It has also become clear that the resources appropriated for this biennium under several objects of expenditure are inadequate. These specific areas include travel of representatives, travel of staff and general temporary assistance. Projected expenditures as of the end of 1992 are expected to exceed approved appropriations for this year by some $500,000. On that basis, and bearing in mind the recosting exercise to be carried out in the context of the first performance report, it is estimated that additional resources totalling $760,000 for the entire biennium, i.e., $380,000 per year, would be needed to meet these increased requirements.

12. The breakdown of this estimate is as follows:

Proposed additional requirements for 1992-1993

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General temporary assistance	160 000
Travel of representatives	500 000
Travel of staff	100 000
Total	760 000

13. Another factor underlying the need for additional resources is the Commission on Human Rights' most recent mandate approved at its first special session held on 13 and 14 August 1992. At that session, the Commission, requested its Chairman to appoint a Special Rapporteur to investigate first-hand the human rights situation in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, in particular within Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to receive relevant and credible information on the human rights situation there from Governments, individuals, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on a continuing basis, and to avail himself or herself of the assistance of existing mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights.

14. As detailed in the two reports of the Secretary-General (A/47/418 and A/47/666) the Special Rapporteur for the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia undertook two visits to the former

Yugoslavia, one from 21 to 26 August 1992 and the other from 12 to 22 October 1992. For the first trip he was accompanied by the Chairman of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. During the second visit, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons accompanied him. In addition, one forensic expert and one medical expert also took part in the mission, along with substantive staff from the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and United Nations interpreters.

15. Costs involved for the activities undertaken by the Special Rapporteur in 1992 are shown below. It is assumed that the same level of activities will be carried out in 1993.

16. In addition to the costs below, it should also be noted that of the 16 posts redeployed by the Secretary-General to the Centre for Human Rights 5 posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 3 P-3) were redeployed specifically to assist the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mission. Other provisions requested for the work of the Special Rapporteur in 1992-1993 are as follows:

	1992	1993
General temporary assistance	30 000	-
Travel of special rapporteur and others	52 000	100 500
Travel of staff	51 700	94 200
Rental of office space	-	48 800
Transportation	124 000	310 000
Miscellaneous	10 000	50 000
Acquisition of office automation equipment	19 200	-
Total	286 900	603 500

General temporary assistance

17. An amount of $30,000 is requested to cover the costs involved for four support staff (1 P-3, 1 P-2 and 2 General Service) in 1992.

Travel of representatives

18. An amount of $52,000 for 1992 and $100,500 for 1993 is requested. The 1992 amount covers two field missions, which included the Special Rapporteur, and two other representatives, as well as two experts, and the Special Rapporteur's travels to Geneva and New York for an amount of $44,700. Additional travel is also being undertaken in December amounting to $7,300. The amount of $100,500 is proposed for 1993 based on five field missions, seven trips to Geneva and two trips to New York.

Travel of staff

19. An amount of $51,700 is required for 1992 and an amount of $94,200 for 1993 for staff members of the Centre for Human Rights to accompany the Special Rapporteur or other representatives in the field missions as outlined above.

Rental of office space

20. An amount of $48,800 is proposed for 1993. Office space is required to accommodate the Special Rapporteur and staff. The estimate is based on accommodation requirements of 129 square metres at a charge of SwF 1.50 per square metre per day.

Transportation

21. Under this category an amount of $124,000 is proposed for 1992 and $310,000 for 1993 for the rental of helicopters in the former Yugoslavia. These amounts are based on a charge of $62,000 for each mission.

Miscellaneous

22. An amount of $10,000 is required for 1992, and an amount of $50,000 would be required for 1993. This figure is based on the standard rate of $5,000 per mission.

Acquisition of office automation equipment

23. An amount of $19,200 is required for 1992. This amount would provide for 6 word processors, 2 printers and 1 facsimile machine.

III. SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 1992-1993

24. In light of the above, the following additional resources are requested under section 28 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

	1992 US$	1993 US$	Total US$
(a) Increased work programme of the Centre for Human Rights			
General temporary assistance	80 000	80 000	160 000
Travel of representatives	250 000	250 000	500 000
Travel of staff	50 000	50 000	100 000
Total	380 000	380 000	760 000

		1992 US$	1993 US$	Total US$
(b)	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the territory of former Yugoslavia			
	General temporary assistance	30 000	-	30 000
	Travel of representatives	52 000	100 500	152 500
	Travel of staff	51 700	94 200	145 900
	Rental of office space	-	48 800	48 800
	Transportation	124 000	310 000	434 000
	Miscellaneous	10 000	50 000	60 000
	Acquisition of office automation equipment	19 200	-	19 200
	Total	286 900	603 500	890 400
	Grand Total	666 900	983 500	1 650 400

IV. CONTINGENCY FUND

25. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available within the contingency fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of its current session.

26. No activities are proposed for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, in order to provide additional resources for the work programme of the Centre for Human Rights and for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia proposed under section 28, Human rights. In the event, therefore, that such resources are not available from the contingency fund, some of these activities yet to be undertaken would have to be postponed, as provided for in the criteria for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in the annex to its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

V. SUMMARY

27. As indicated above, an additional appropriation of $1,650,400 would be required under section 28, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as summarized below.

	1992	1993	Total
General temporary assistance	110 000	80 000	190 000
Travel of representatives	302 000	350 500	652 500
Travel of staff	101 700	144 200	245 900
Rental of office space	-	48 800	48 800
Transportation	124 000	310 000	434 000
Miscellaneous	10 000	50 000	60 000
Acquisition of office automation equipment	19 200	-	19 200
Total	666 900	983 500	1 650 400

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EMERGENCY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WAR-STRICKEN AFGHANISTAN

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/47/L.25/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4 (a), 4 (c), and 7 of draft resolution A/47/L.25/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to ensure the continued operation and further strengthening of humanitarian and economic assistance programmes relating to Afghanistan (para. 4 (a));

(b) Request the Secretary-General to initiate a plan for mobilizing financial, technical and material assistance, including the convening of a conference of donor States and international financial institutions (para. 4 (c));

(c) Invite the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the overall situation in Afghanistan and make available his good offices as required and report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (para. 7).

B. Relationship of proposed requests to the approved programme of work

2. The request contained in paragraph 4 (a) of the draft resolution relates to the new section 40 (Department of Humanitarian Affairs) contained in the revised estimates for the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 1/ With the consolidation of humanitarian affairs under section 40 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, the Office for the Coordination of United Nations Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programmes relating to Afghanistan (UNOCA) has been integrated into the Geneva office of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and has been renamed the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan (UNOCHA). However, activities relating to UNOCHA, which are funded from extrabudgetary resources, are not programmed under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

3. The activities called for under paragraph 4 (c) of the draft resolution relate substantively to the programme of work of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), while the provision of conference services to the conference of donor States and international financial institutions falls under subprogramme 2 (Meeting, interpretation and verbatim reporting services) of programme 39 (Conference and library services) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 2/

4. The request contained in paragraph 7 of the draft resolution relates to subprogramme 1 (Good offices and peace making) of programme 1 (Good offices and peace making, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 2/ While resources are provided in the programme budget for activities in support of the Secretary-General's functions in the area of international peace and security, related activities are often not programmed in the programme budget since their very nature often precludes such an approach. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly approved appropriations for activities in 1992 related to the situation in Afghanistan on the basis of a statement of programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution that was subsequently adopted as General Assembly resolution 46/23 of 5 December 1991.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/47/L.25/Rev.1, the Secretary-General would convene a conference of donor States and international financial institutions for one working day in the third quarter of 1993 in New York. It is anticipated that the conference-servicing requirements would be as follows: interpretation for two meetings in the six official languages of the United Nations; one in-session and one post-session document of 20 pages each in the six official languages of the United Nations.

6. In a series of resolutions, and most recently in resolution 46/23, the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General and his Personal Representative to continue to encourage and facilitate the early realization of a comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Agreements and of the resolutions. It will be recalled that, further to paragraph 10 of resolution 44/15 of 1 November 1989, and upon the cessation of the arrangements for the United Nations Good Offices Mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP), the Office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan (OSGAP) was established on 15 March 1990 in order further to intensify the Secretary-General's efforts for a comprehensive political settlement in Afghanistan. OSGAP is headed by the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General. 4/

7. It will also be recalled that on 28 March 1990, the Security Council informed the Secretary-General of its agreement with his intention of redeploying a limited number (10) of military officers as military advisers to his Personal Representative. 5/

8. At the end of 1990, the Coordinator for United Nations Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programmes relating to Afghanistan relinquished his post. Since then, the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan also assumed the additional responsibilities for the direction of OSGAP and UNOCA. The Personal Representative was assigned to the vacant post of the Coordinator, under the Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund. An alternate Personal Representative was appointed by the Secretary-General to provide the Personal Representative with additional support in carrying out his increased responsibilities for the political aspects of the Afghan question.

9. During the course of 1992, dramatic political developments occurred in Afghanistan which have changed the context for United Nations involvement in the search for a comprehensive solution to the problems in that country. The process which led to these developments, and the part played by OSGAP, are described in detail in the report of the Secretary-General of 27 November 1992 on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security. 6/

10. In the light of the new situation prevailing in Afghanistan, the Secretary-General believes it is appropriate to streamline OSGAP and to consolidate the administrative arrangements of OSGAP and UNOCA, whose name, structure and terms of reference are being amended (see para. 2 above). Both offices would remain under the direct supervision of his Personal Representative. It is considered that the provision for an Alternate Personal Representative will no longer be necessary. For 1993, an overall staff reduction of 76.3 per cent is proposed. In 1992, OSGAP had an approved staffing table of 59 posts, while for 1993 a total staff of 14 is proposed. In addition, it is proposed to reduce the number of military advisers from 10 to 1.

11. The Secretary-General would continue to monitor the overall situation in Afghanistan and make available his good offices as required and report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. This would involve the extension of the provision for support staff and related costs through 1993.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 1992-1993

12. As noted in section B above, activities in this area are not programmed in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Consequently, no modification will be required.

E. Estimated requirements for 1993

13. Requirements for 1992 are currently estimated at $5,930,800, compared with the related appropriation of $6,438,800. The net reduction in anticipated expenditures ($508,000) reflects a number of factors, including provision of rent-free premises by the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, under-utilization of the provision for consultants and a number of vacancies at the Professional staff level.

14. In view of the changed political circumstances in Afghanistan, the Secretary-General deems it appropriate to effect a reduction in the staffing levels and the budget of OSGAP. Although all international staff of the United Nations were evacuated from Kabul in August 1992 and remain in Pakistan as at 1 December 1992, the new structure of OSGAP reflects the intention to move the staff to Kabul as soon as the situation permits. If it is not possible to move to Kabul by 1 January 1993, OSGAP will continue to operate from Islamabad, Pakistan, until such time as the Secretary-General decides that it is safe for United Nations staff to return to Kabul. The structure of the Office would none the less be adjusted to that described below as of 1 January 1993. The budgetary provisions made for the new structure will not be affected by a delay in the transfer of operations.

15. The proposed structure of OSGAP also reflects the consolidation of administrative arrangements with UNOCHA. The functioning of OSGAP and UNOCHA would remain under the direct supervision of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, who would also be the Coordinator of Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan. For this purpose, it is intended to provide an assistant secretary-seneral post funded from the Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund. With the consolidation of administrative arrangements for OSGAP and UNOCHA and the integration of UNOCHA within the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, it is proposed to reduce the overall number of UNOCHA Professional and higher posts from 24 in 1992 to 16 in 1993, and the number of locally recruited staff from 81 in 1992 to 51 in 1993. These posts would continue to be funded from extrabudgetary sources provided to the Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund. Further details of the consolidated requirements of the two Offices are provided in tables 4 (a) and (b) of the annex to the present document.

16. The proposed requirements for OSGAP in 1993 are estimated at $1,416,000. This includes a provision through 1993 for one P-5, two General Service (other level), four Field Service, seven local level and one military adviser. Further details of these requirements are set out in tables 2 and 3 of the annex to the present document.

F. Potential for absorption

17. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 includes no provision for continuation of the activities outlined above and it is not anticipated that the related estimated cost of $1,416,000 can be absorbed within the proposed appropriations. Taking into account, however, the anticipated reduction in 1992 actual expenditures and the resulting savings of $508,000, the estimated 1993 requirements will accordingly be adjusted to $908,000. As regards the conference-servicing requirements of the conference of donor States and international financial institutions called for under paragraph 4 (c) of the draft resolution, the related costs would be met from within the Organization's permanent conference-servicing capacity, as it is anticipated that the conference would be scheduled in consultation with the Office of Conference Services, and according to the availability of conference services.

G. Indication of additional requirements

18. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/47/L.25/Rev.1, it is estimated that additional net resources of $908,000 would be required.

H. Contingency Fund

19. Under the new budget process established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, additional expenditures proposed over and above those in the programme budget should be accommodated within a contingency fund provisionally established at a level of $19 million for the biennium 1992-1993 by General Assembly resolution 45/255 of 21 December 1990. Paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213, however, provides, inter alia, that revised estimates:

> "... arising from the impact of extraordinary expenses, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as fluctuations in rates of exchange and inflation, shall not be covered by the Contingency Fund and shall continue to be treated in accordance with established procedures and under the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules ..."

20. It is the Secretary-General's view that the additional requirements that would arise, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/47/L.25/Rev.1, are clearly of an extraordinary nature, relating to the

maintenance of peace and security and should thus be treated outside the procedures related to the Contingency Fund.

I. Summary

21. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/47/L.25/Rev.1:

(a) No additional appropriation would be required under section 40 (Department of Humanitarian Affairs) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in relation to the continued operation of UNOCHA;

(b) With regard to the convening of the conference of donor States and international financial institutions called for under paragraph 4 (c) of the draft resolution, it is anticipated that no additional resources would be required under section 41 (Administration and management) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

(c) With regard to the activities of OSGAP, however, an additional appropriation of $908,000 would be required under section 2 (Peace-keeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the implementation of the activities called for under paragraph 7 of the draft resolution. In addition, an amount of $124,000 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

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6/ A/47/705-S/24831.

Annex

1. Current projections of estimated expenditure in 1992 are summarized in table 1 below. The anticipated amount of savings of $508,000 in 1992 will accordingly affect downwards the amount of appropriation requested for 1993 for OSGAP.

Table 1. Estimated expenditure in 1992

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	(1) 1992 appropriations	(2) 1992 estimated expenditures	(3) Savings (over expenditures)
Consultants	45.6	-	45.6
Temporary posts a/	1 336.0	1 192.2	143.8
Military officers, allowances and travel	365.2	361.2	4.0
Common staff costs a/	1 331.6	1 100.1	213.5
Travel of staff b/	69.0	93.7	(24.7)
Premises: rental, maintenance, and utilities	127.1	72.8	54.3
Rental and maintenance of furniture, equipment and vehicles	51.8	38.8	13.0
Rental and operation of aircraft c/	2 833.4	2 770.4	63.0
Communications d/	92.1	192.0	(99.9)
Supplies and services	143.9	103.9	40.0
Office furniture and equipment			
Miscellaneous equipment	31.6	3.7	27.9
Freight and cartage	11.5	2.0	9.5
Total	6 438.8	5 930.8	508.0

(Footnotes on following page)

(Footnotes to table 1)

a/ Significant savings in salaries and common staff costs resulted from vacancies among the authorized international staff (6 in the category of Professionals and above, 6 General Service and 11 Field Service posts).

b/ Overexpenditure in travel of staff is due to the intense political activities in the mission area during most of 1992.

c/ The contract for the chartered mission aircraft was terminated at the end of October 1992, two months before it was to expire. The savings on this account has been partly offset by the need to fly additional hours during the period from February through May 1992 (an average of 40 hours compared with about 15 hours), as a result of the political activities in Afghanistan leading up to the change of government in the summer of 1992. The strengthening of the Swiss currency (the chartered aircraft was with a Swiss company) has also increased costs somewhat.

d/ Most of the internal communications traffic of the Mission is routed through commercial communications satellite terminals, for which heavy user charges are paid. The projected 1992 requirements of $192,000 reflect the involvement of OSGAP in the intense political activities in Afghanistan during 1992. Further, some late 1991 billings for satellite communications were paid from 1992 appropriations.

2. Estimated requirements for 1993 are indicated in table 2 below:

Table 2. Estimated requirements for 1993

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	
Consultants	25.0
Temporary posts	344.6
Military officer's allowances and travel	48.6
Common staff costs and subsistence allowance	445.6
Travel of staff	30.0
Premises: rental, maintenance and utilities	32.2
Rental and maintenance of furniture, equipment and vehicles	28.0
Rental and operation of aircraft	245.0
Communications	120.0
Supplies and services	77.0
Miscellaneous equipment	15.0
Freight and cartage	5.0
Total	1 416.0

3. The staffing requirements for 1992 and 1993 are summarized in table 3 below:

Table 3. Staffing requirements for 1992 and 1993

Post level	Approved posts in 1992 a/ Mission area	Head-quarters	Total in 1992	Proposed staffing for 1993 b/ Mission area	Head-quarters	Total for 1993
Professional category and above						
ASG	1	-	1	-	-	-
D-1	1	-	1	-	-	-
P-5	3	-	3	1	-	1
P-4	1	1	2	-	-	-
Total	6	1	7	1	-	1
General Service and other						
Field Service	11	-	11	4	-	4
General Service (other level)	5	2	7	2	-	2
Local level	34	-	34	7	-	7
Total	50	2	52	13	-	13
Grand Total	56	3	59	14	-	14

a/ Excludes 10 military advisers.

b/ Excludes 1 military adviser.

4. Following are the consolidated tables showing staff and resource requirements of OSGAP and UNOCHA in 1992 and 1993:

Table 4 (a). Staff requirements of OSGAP and UNOCHA

	OSGAP		UNOCHA			
Post level	Approved 1992	Proposed 1993	Approved 1992	Proposed 1993	Total 1992	Total 1993
USG	-	-	1	-	1	-
ASG	1	-	-	1	1	1
D-2	-	-	1	1	1	1
D-1	1	-	1	1	2	1
P-5	3	1	5	2	8	3
P-4	2	-	4	4	6	4
P-3	-	-	12	5	12	5
P-2	-	-	-	2	-	2
Total Professional	7	1	24	16	31	17
Field Service	11	4	-	-	11	4
National Officer	-	-	7	5	7	5
General Service/ other level	7	2	-	-	7	2
Local level	34	7	74	46	108	53
Subtotal	52	13	81	51	133	64
Grand total	59	14	105	67	164	81
Military advisers	10	1	-	-	10	1

Table 4 (b). Resource requirements of OSGAP and UNOCHA

OSGAP		UNOCHA		TOTAL	
Approved 1992	Proposed 1993	Approved 1992	Proposed 1993	Approved 1992	Proposed 1993
$6 438 800	$908 000	$4 698 000	$3 798 000	$11 136 800	$4 706 000

Resource requirements of OSGAP for 1993

Consultants ($25,000)

5. Although no consultancy services were in the end required during 1992, it could be anticipated that developments in Afghanistan will call for assistance in 1993 from an expert in the demography and history of the Afghan people. In the absence of reliable demographic statistics, it would be useful if OSGAP, when required, were to be able to draw on objective expertise on the ethnic composition of the Afghan people. Accordingly, a provision of $25,000 is proposed.

Temporary posts ($344,600), common staff costs and subsistence allowance ($445,600)

6. It is proposed to continue one post at the P-5 level for the Senior Political Affairs Officer to be posted in Kabul. It is envisaged that the incumbent of this post would represent the Personal Representative, when absent from Kabul, on all political matters and act as his liaison to the central and provincial government authorities as well as to the diplomatic community. The functions of the post will also include advising the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and the Director of UNOCHA on political matters and reporting on political developments in Afghanistan to the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs at Headquarters.

7. It is also proposed to continue four Field Service posts, two General Service posts (other level) and seven local-level posts. The Field Service staff is made up of one administrative/finance officer, one radio operator, one radio technician and one security/inventory/administrative officer. The two General Service staff (other level), internationally recruited, will perform the secretarial work of confidential nature. The local staff will provide general support to the offices in Kabul.

Military officer's allowances and travel ($48,600)

8. It is proposed to continue provision for one military adviser to the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to be based in Kabul, who will continue to assess the ongoing military developments throughout Afghanistan and their effects on the security situation. The daily availability of analysis of the military situation continues to be of importance to the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General when assessing the overall political developments and their effects on United Nations activities in Afghanistan. It is therefore proposed to make a provision for allowances and travel of $48,600.

Premises: rental, maintenance and utilities ($32,200)

9. During 1992 OSGAP maintained offices in Kabul, Islamabad and Peshawar (having closed the Peshawar office in August 1992). The Government of Afghanistan has hitherto provided office accommodation free of charge, but it is not known whether the Government will continue this arrangement in the future. Accordingly, a provision of $12,000 is proposed for rental of premises in Kabul, as well as for repairs and maintenance of these premises ($9,000), and for utilities, including fuel for generators and heating ($7,200). A provision of $4,000 is also made for the possibility that some office accommodation may have to be retained in Islamabad for a limited period in 1993 until such time as OSGAP can be transferred to Kabul.

Rental and maintenance of furniture, equipment and vehicles ($28,000)

10. A provision of $28,000 is proposed for operation and maintenance of 9 vehicles, as well as for spare parts and repair of generators and other equipment held by the offices.

Rental and operation of aircraft ($245,000)

11. The aircraft which has been chartered by OSGAP was discontinued at the end of October 1992. Given the fact that travel to Kabul and other provincial centres in Afghanistan continues to be difficult, there is a continued need for the availability of aircraft. Provision is consequently being proposed for $245,000 for cost sharing of the aircraft currently operated by UNOCHA and UNMOGIP.

Communications ($120,000)

12. A provision of $120,000 is proposed for pouch service between New York and Islamabad/Kabul, postal charges and commercial telex costs ($24,000) and monthly user charges of $8,000 for commercial satellite terminals ($96,000).

Supplies and services ($77,000)

13. Provision under this heading is made for: various services, including contractual security services, laundry, insurance premiums, bank charges and limited use of casual labour ($35,000), supplies for communications equipment and related repair and maintenance services ($15,000), parts for office machines and generator sets ($3,000), stationery and office supplies ($6,000), medical supplies and services ($3,000) plus miscellaneous general supplies, including United Nations flags and decals, uniforms, operational maps, sanitation and cleaning materials and other general supplies ($15,000).

Miscellaneous equipment ($15,000) and freight and cartage ($5,000)

14. The provisions under this heading relate to miscellaneous communications and test equipment and fire-fighting equipment; and $5,000 would be required for general freight and cartage charges.

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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/47/L.34

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 7, 8, 11 and 14 of draft resolution A/47/L.34, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to continue to afford the fullest possible support to the Central American Governments in their efforts to consolidate peace, democracy and development;

(b) Express its appreciation for the effective, timely mediation of the Secretary-General and his representatives and extend them its support so that they can continue to take all necessary steps to contribute to the successful implementation of all the peace agreements in El Salvador;

(c) Express appreciation to the Secretary-General and his Representative for the support they are giving to the negotiationg process (in Guatemala) and encourage them to continue to provide it;

(d) Request the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system to provide, as appropriate and within available resources, the necessary technical and financial support to the Central American Governments;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

B. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

2. The above request relates to subprogramme 1 (Good offices and peacemaking) of programme 1 (Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. While resources are provided in the programme budget for activities in support of the Secretary-General's functions in the area of international peace and security, related activities are often not programmed in the programme budget since their very nature often precludes such an approach. This is true of the Secretary-General's activities in promoting a firm and lasting peace in Central America.

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would, with respect to the requests outlined in paragraph 1 above:

(a) Continue his current engagement in the settlement of conflicts in the region, specifically in El Salvador and Guatemala, including active and continuous participation in, and monitoring of, the peace process between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), as well as continuous support to, and observation of, the peace process between the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolutionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG);

(b) Provide assistance to the negotiating parties in their search for a firm and lasting peace in their respective countries and in the region as a whole;

(c) Prepare a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the resolution.

4. It may be recalled that, at its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly authorized one temporary P-5 and one temporary General Service (other level) post for 1992 in the context of its adoption of resolution 46/109 of 17 December 1991 on the situation in Central America. While the continuing activities outlined above are stated in broad and general terms, participation in the search for peace in the region has meant the day-to-day involvement of the Organization in the negotiation process. While the intensive pace of the negotiations, which placed a heavy burden on the Organization in the preceding two years, has abated somewhat, the responsibilities placed on it will continue to be substantial in order to ensure the smooth implementation of the

final phases of the agreement in El Salvador and in order to assist the process in the months following a cease-fire. At the same time, the dialogue conducted in Guatemala continues with the active support and participation of the Organization. In addition to the work undertaken in connection with the processes in El Salvador and Guatemala, the involvement of the United Nations in the efforts for peace in the region also includes participation in such bodies as the Security Commission of the Esquipulas II agreement, whose work the General Assembly, in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, welcomes with satisfaction.

5. In addition to the activities outlined above, the Secretary-General will provide technical and financial support, as appropriate and within available resources, to the Central American Governments for the wider purpose of consolidating the processes of peace, freedom, democracy and development in the region.

6. As noted in section B above, activities in this area are not programmed in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

C. Requirements

7. It is anticipated that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, activities outlined in paragraph 1 above would require the continuation of one Professional (P-5) and one General Service (other level) post to assist in all aspects of the Secretary-General's involvement in the Central American peace processes. The activities would include research and analysis of outstanding negotiating issues, preparation of background papers, maintenance and updating of information and files relating to the peace processes and serving as focal point within the Secretariat for these matters. In particular, it would include the specific task of acting as the Secretary-General's Observer to the Guatemalan negotiating process. In addition, frequent travel to the Central American region is inevitable in the context of the Secretary-General's participation in the peace efforts, or that of his Representative. It is not possible to predict the travel requirements at this point, however, and additional requirements in this respect, if any, will be met through the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/187 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in 1992-1993.

8. On a full-cost basis, the requirements for staff in 1993 are estimated at $155,200 as follows:

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Temporary posts	112 500
Common staff costs	42 700
	155 200

9. No provision has been made for the additional staff required to support the Secretary-General's continuing efforts in this area and it is not anticipated that the related requirements can be absorbed from within the existing appropriations.

10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/47/L.34, it is estimated that additional net resources of $155,200 would be required for 1993.

11. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, additional expenditures proposed over and above those in the programme budget should be accommodated within a contingency fund, revised to a level of $18 million for the biennium 1992-1993. Paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, however, provides, inter alia, that revised estimates

> "arising from the impact of extraordinary expenses, including those relating to the maintenance of peace and security, as well as fluctuations in rates of exchange and inflation, shall not be covered by the contingency fund and shall continue to be treated in accordance with established procedures and under the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules".

12. In the Secretary-General's view, activities pursuant to the draft resolution clearly relate to the maintenance of peace and security. Accordingly, it is also his view that the related requirements of $155,200 that would arise are of an extraordinary nature, relating to the maintenance of peace and security, and should be treated outside the procedures related to the contingency fund.

D. Summary

13. It is estimated that an additional appropriation of $155,200 would be required under section 2 of the programme budget for 1992-1993.

14. Furthermore an additional appropriation of $40,100 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment) to be offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

15. The Secretary-General believes that these requirements should be dealt with under the provisions of paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 and should thus be treated outside the procedures related to the contingency fund.

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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/47/L.29, A/47/L.31, A/47/L.32, A/47/L.44 and A/47/L.45

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. Programme of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/47/L.29)

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3, 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/47/L.29, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note with appreciation of the report of the Special Committee against Apartheid 1/ on its work, under its mandate, in support of the peaceful eradication of apartheid and of the process of a negotiated transition of South Africa to a democratic non-racial society;

(b) Authorize the Special Committee against Apartheid, in accordance with its mandate, to mobilize international support for the elimination of apartheid through the early establishment in South Africa of a society based on an agreed democratic and non-racial constitution as envisaged in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, 2/ and to this end:

(i) To continue to monitor the complex developments in South Africa and to collect, analyse and disseminate factual information in this regard;

(ii) To facilitate a peaceful and stable transition in South Africa by promoting international assistance to help South Africans to overcome the negative social and economic consequences of the policies of apartheid, inter alia, by following up on the Seminar on South Africa's Socio-economic Problems: Future Role of the United Nations System in Helping to Address Them, held at Windhoek from 22 to 24 May 1992, through sectoral seminars on well-defined and specific topics with the participation of experts in the relevant fields and in cooperation with relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, institutions and non-governmental organizations;

(iii) To undertake liaison and consultations with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, foundations and institutions, as well as other relevant groups, both inside and outside South Africa (para. 3);

(c) Decide that the special allocation of 450,000 United States dollars to the Special Committee for 1993 from the regular budget of the United Nations should be used towards the cost of special projects aimed at promoting the process towards the elimination of apartheid through the establishment of a new society in South Africa based on a democratic and non-racial constitution, with particular emphasis on issues of human rights and constitution-building, human resources development, institutional capacity-building, health, housing and other socio-economic priority areas (para. 5);

(d) Decide also to continue to authorize adequate financial provision in the regular budget of the United Nations to enable the African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania to maintain offices in New York so that they may participate effectively in deliberations in the Special Committee and in deliberations relating to the situation in South Africa in other relevant United Nations bodies (para. 6).

2. Oil embargo against South Africa (A/47/L.31)

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of draft resolution A/47/L.31, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the report of the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa 3/ and endorse its recommendations (para. 1);

(b) Authorize the Intergovernmental Group to take action to promote public awareness of the oil embargo against South Africa, including, when necessary, sending missions and participating in relevant conferences and meetings (para. 3);

(c) Request the Intergovernmental Group to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the resolution (para. 4).

3. International efforts towards the total eradication of apartheid and support for the establishment of a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa (A/47/L.32)

3. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 10, 19 and 20 of draft resolution A/47/L.32, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to respond positively and appropriately, as envisaged in his report, 4/ to requests for assistance from the Goldstone Commission in the context of the National Peace Accord (para. 10);

(b) Request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the parties concerned, to undertake preliminary examination of the assistance which the United Nations might provide in the electoral process leading to a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa (para. 19);

(c) Also request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the coordination of activities of the United Nations and its agencies with regard to, and, as appropriate inside South Africa, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on measures taken to facilitate the peaceful elimination of apartheid and the transition of South Africa to a non-racial and democratic society as envisaged in the Declaration on Apartheid (para. 20). 2/

4. Military and other collaboration with South Africa (A/47/L.44)

4. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Special Committee against Apartheid to keep the issue of military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa under constant review and to report thereon to the General Assembly and the Security Council as appropriate.

5. Relations between South Africa and Israel (A/47/L.45)

5. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/47/L.45, the General Assembly would request the Special Committee against Apartheid to continue to monitor the relations between South Africa and Israel and keep them under constant review and report to the General Assembly and the Security Council as appropriate.

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

6. The activities referred to in the draft resolutions would fall under programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, and in respect of the requests contained in paragraph 3 (b) above, they relate to programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization of the medium-term plan

for the period 1992-1997 and related revisions, 5/ which are being considered by the General Assembly at its current session. Furthermore, information activities in relation to the programme recommended in the draft resolutions would also fall under programme 38, Public information, of the medium-term plan. 6/

7. The estimated cost of the expected activities of the Special Committee and other bodies engaged in activities against apartheid was initially provided for under section 7A, Policy-making organs, of section 7, Elimination of apartheid, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 7/ in view of their "perennial" character. The related appropriation under that subsection for the biennium amounts to $2,545,600. Moreover, the substantive servicing of the Special Committee and of the other bodies engaged in activities against apartheid as well as other activities in relation to the programme were covered under section 7B, Centre against Apartheid, of the 1992-1993 programme budget. A related appropriation of $5,689,300 was also approved under that subsection for the activities of the Centre against Apartheid. Following the restructuring of the Secretariat, that portion of the appropriation relating to requirements for activities in the last 18 months of the biennium is proposed for transfer to section 37, Department of Political Affairs. Lastly, the information activities in relation to the programme have been programmed under subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and subprogramme 2, Information services, of programme 38, Public information, and related appropriations for those activities were approved under section 31 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

8. The activities required for the implementation of the requests contained in draft resolutions A/47/L.29, A/47/L.31, A/47/L.32, A/47/L.44, and A/47/L.45, contained in paragraphs 1 through 5 above, are referred to by the Special Committee in its annual report to the General Assembly 1/ and by the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa in its report to the Assembly at its current session. 3/ The activities have been programmed for the most part under section 7, Elimination of Apartheid and section 31, Public information: subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and subprogramme 2, Information services, of the 1992-1993 programme budget. It is estimated that no additional resources would be required for their implementation.

9. In respect of draft resolution A/47/L.29, referred to in paragraph 1 above, it should be noted that the Special Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, would carry out a number of activities as called for in the resolution. These are reflected in the annex to the present statement and are referred to in section 7A, paragraph 7.10, of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

10. In respect of paragraph 1 (d) above, an existing appropriation of $384,000 for the year 1993 would cover the anticipated grants to the African

National Congress of South Africa and to the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania for the maintenance of their offices in New York. The related justification appears in paragraph 7.23 of section 7A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 7/

11. With regard to information activities under the programme, it has also been estimated that resources additional to the provision already made under section 31 of the 1992-1993 programme budget would not be required.

12. In respect of paragraph 3 (a) above, the Secretary-General is submitting proposed revised estimates in connection with the establishment of a United Nations observer mission in South Africa pursuant to Security Council resolution 772 (1992) of 17 August 1992. One of the mandates given by resolution 772 (1992) is to assist in the strengthening of the structures set up under the National Peace Accord in consultation with the relevant parties (the Goldstone Commission, the National Peace Committee and National Peace Secretariat), for the purpose of reducing tensions so that negotiations may be resumed leading to a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

13. With respect to activities called for under paragraph 3 (b) above, it may be recalled that, following the adoption by the General Assembly of its resolution 46/137 of 17 December 1991, and following the restructuring of the Secretariat, an Electoral Assistance Unit was established in the Department of Political Affairs to carry out activities in support of the Secretary-General's functions in the area of the holding and verification of elections. Accordingly, should a request be made to the Secretary-General pursuant to the provisions set out in paragraph 3 (b) above, the Department of Political Affairs would organize an expert mission to South Africa. Every effort would be made to absorb the cost of such a mission or to seek alternative financing. Failing this, the Secretary-General would have recourse to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1992-1993.

14. The activities of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies in 1993 would also require conference servicing from the Secretariat. The substantive servicing of the Committee and other bodies and activities, along with related resources, have been programmed under sections 7A and 7B of the 1992-1993 programme budget, 8/ proposed for transfer to section 37, Department of Political Affairs. Their sessions and meetings are part of the 1993 calendar of United Nations meetings and conferences, 9/ and conference-servicing requirements would be accommodated from within the resources approved under section 32, Conference and library services, now proposed for transfer to section 41, Administration and management, of the 1992-1993 programme budget. 10/ No additional resources would therefore be required.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

15. Should the General Assembly approve the requests contained in draft resolutions A/47/L.29, A/47/L.31, A/47/L.32, A/47/L.44 and A/47/L.45, their implementation would not require any modification of the relevant subprogrammes under section 37 or 31 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Potential for absorption of requirements

16. The financial requirements for the regular activities of the Special Committee, at full cost, are estimated at $438,000 for 1993. The estimated requirements of $438,000 would fall within the balance of the appropriation of $503,300 under section 37 of the programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

17. In respect of the special projects of the Special Committee, the special allocation that the General Assembly would decide to make to the Special Committee under the terms of draft resolution A/47/L.29 would be in the amount of $450,000. In that regard, the special allocation would be met from the 1993 portion of the appropriation contained in the 1992-1993 programme budget. Although the full cost of activities under Special projects of the Special Committee in 1993 is estimated at $567,500, sufficient resources are available to absorb the requirements, from the available balance of $613,600 of the 1992-1993 appropriation.

18. The requirements ($384,000) in respect of grants to national liberation movements would be met fully by the 1993 portion of the related appropriations in the 1992-1993 programme budget.

19. The activities of the Department of Public Information in relation to the programme have already been provided for under section 31 of the programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

20. On the basis of the information contained in paragraphs 16 to 18, the estimates for 1992 are summarized in the table below.

Section	Description	Full cost of 1993 activities	Balance of 1992-1993 appropriation	Projected balance
		$	$	$
37	Regular activities of the Special Committee	438 000	503 300	65 300
37	Activities of the Intergovernmental Group (Oil and Petroleum)	a/	a/	-
37	Special projects of the Special Committee	567 500	613 600	46 100
37	Grants to national liberation movements	384 000	384 000	-
	SUBTOTAL, Section 37	1 389 500	1 500 900	111 400
31	Activities of the Department of Public Information in relation to activities under agenda item 37	b/	b/	-
	TOTAL	1 389 500	1 500 900	111 400

a/ The provisions for the activities of both the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa are included under "Regular activities of the Special Committee".

b/ Resources approved under section 31 for the 1992-1993 biennium and intended for the implementation of the activities under consideration are not separately specified in the related appropriations.

F. Summary

21. On the basis of the information provided above, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/47/L.29, A/47/L.31, A/47/L.32, A/47/L.44 and A/47/L.45, no modification in the programme of work would be required. Furthermore, no additional appropriations would be required under sections 31, 37 or 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ A/47/22-S/24663.

2/ Resolution S-16/1, annex.

3/ A/47/43-S/24775 and Add.1.

4/ S/24389.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I; A/47/6 (Progs. 4 and 6); and A/47/16 (Part II).

6/ Ibid., vol. II; A/47/6 (Prog. 38); and A/47/16 (Part II).

7/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

8/ Ibid., paras. 7.10-7.17 and 7.25-7.27.

9/ A/47/32 and Add.1.

10/ See A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1.

Annex

PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID FOR 1992 AND 1993

Description a/	1993 Number of events or activities	1992 Number of events or activities for comparison purposes
Programme of activities of the Special Committee b/		
1. Grants to national liberation movements	2	2
2. Regular activities		
(a) Conferences and other meetings sponsored and co-sponsored:	5	6
(i) Symposium on political tolerance in a pluralistic democracy - Role of opinion makers during transition period;		
(ii) Consultations with international non-governmental organizations and anti-apartheid movements on the role of the international NGO community in a South Africa in transition;		
(iii) Seminar on economic growth and sustainable social development;		
(iv) Seminar on a culture of human rights; effective guarantees of protection and remedy; role of law enforcement officials; system of ombudsman; community training (in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights);		
(v) Seminar on the role and function of United Nations electoral monitoring;		

Description a/	1993 Number of events or activities	1992 Number of events or activities for comparison purposes
(b) Missions of consultations with Governments in:	3	4
(i) Southern Africa;		
(ii) Europe;		
(iii) North America;		
(c) Missions of participation in other United Nations activities	4	4
(d) Missions of consultations with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and other international organizations	3	3
(i) Meetings of the OAU Liberation Committee;		
(ii) OAU Council of Ministers and Summit;		
(iii) Movement of Non-Aligned Countries;		
(e) International days and other events	5	4
(i) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;		
(ii) Eminent women's mission to South Africa;		
(iii) Round table of journalists;		
(iv) Participation of representatives of the liberation movements in the General Assembly;		

	Description a/	1993 Number of events or activities	1992 Number of events or activities for comparison purposes
	(v) Participation of representatives of the liberation movements in the observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;		
3.	Special allocation for special projects (grants)	35	35
4.	Information activities by the Department of Public Information in relation to the programme of work of the Special Committee	c/	c/

a/ Detailed descriptions relate to events or activities for 1993 only.

b/ Conference-servicing requirements in relation to the activities will be met from resources under section 32, now proposed for transfer to section 41.

c/ Information not available.

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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 50th meeting, held on 11 December 1992, the Second Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.2/47/L.72.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of the operative paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/150, 1/ and the recommendations contained therein on priority areas of international cooperation in studying, mitigating and minimizing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150, taking into consideration the subsequent social, economic and other changes that have occurred in the countries affected by the Chernobyl disaster;

(c) Also request the Secretary-General, in the light of his recommendations on priority areas, to undertake an analytical review of all

United Nations activities to study, mitigate, and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in those countries most affected, including related Secretariat arrangements, taking full account of ongoing programmes and other relevant activities, including those of regional and other organizations, and the principle of comparative advantage;

(d) Further request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including the conclusions of the analytical review requested in paragraph 1 (c) above, and to submit an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993;

(e) Decide to consider at its forty-eighth session the question of the biennialization of this agenda item.

B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the approved programme of work

3. Coordination of activities related to addressing, mitigating and minimizing the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl powerplant is not included in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 2/ A related appropriation was approved, however, under section 1 for 1992 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, the Secretary-General would continue the small unit established during 1991, for which an appropriation was approved for 1992, in order to assist the United Nations Coordinator in:

(a) Management of the United Nations Chernobyl Trust Fund;

(b) Coordination of related activities of the United Nations system through the Inter-Agency Task Force;

(c) Liaison with the national authorities concerned;

(d) Monitoring of assistance provided by the United Nations system, as well as bilaterally in the context of the Joint Plan in response to the Secretary-General's appeal;

(e) Revision and adjustment, as required, of the Joint Plan, in consultation with the national authorities concerned;

(f) Continuation of efforts to mobilize support from the private sector, non-governmental organizations and other entities;

(g) Establishment and maintenance of a database on bilateral and multilateral assistance activities, both planned and under way;

(h) Dissemination of information, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat;

(i) Preparation of progress reports;

(j) Preparation of an analytical review of all United Nations activities including related Secretariat arrangements, taking full account of ongoing programmes and other relevant activities including those of regional and other organizations and the principle of comparative advantage.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993

5. As indicated in section B, the above-mentioned activities are not programmed and hence no modifications will be required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. It is anticipated that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, the activities outlined in section C above would require the services of a total of two Professional staff members (one at the P-5 level and one at the P-4 level) as well as one support staff from the General Service category (Other level). Provision would also be required for consultants, overtime, travel of staff, contractual translation and printing, supplies and general operating expenses. In respect of the requirements for travel of staff, provision would be required for (a) one journey by the Coordinator to Kiev, Minsk and Moscow, for about ten days; (b) attendance by the Coordinator at the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council to be held in Geneva, for approximately five days; and (c) journeys by the Coordinator to Geneva to participate in two meetings of the Inter-Agency Task Force, each for about three days, and two visits by the Coordinator to Vienna.

7. On a full-cost basis, these additional requirements for 1993 are estimated at $362,300, according to the following breakdown:

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(a)	Consultants	19 600
(b)	Overtime	300
(c)	Temporary posts	209 300
(d)	Common staff costs	71 200
(e)	Travel of staff	29 500
(f)	Contractual services	22 600
(g)	General operating expenses	8 800
(h)	Supplies and materials	1 000
	Total	362 300

F. Potential for absorption

8. At the present stage, coordinating activities relating to the Joint Plan will require continued support from the regular budget. Although the Secretary-General, in his statement on programme budget implications of revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1 (A/C.2/46/L.60), indicated that he proposed to seek to identify alternative financing from the United Nations Chernobyl Trust Fund or through contributions from parties, including organizations of the United Nations system, carrying out activities under the Joint Plan beyond 1992, the response to his appeal for contributions has been disappointing and sufficient funds are not available currently to absorb the estimated requirements for 1993.

9. As regards the Professional staffing requirements in 1993 (1 P-5 and 1 P-4), it is proposed that these be met by temporary redeployment of posts identified for redeployment through the continuing application of the new treatment of vacancies during 1993. To cover related requirements until such posts are identified, it is estimated that a provision of $114,600 will be needed for general temporary assistance, representing six work-months for the two posts. In addition it is proposed that a provision of $51,300 also be made under general temporary assistance to provide for twelve work-months in the General Service (Other level) category. Should there be any difficulty in identifying posts at the appropriate levels before 30 June 1993, a report would be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Requirements for 1994 and beyond will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

10. It is not anticipated that any of the other costs referred to in paragraph 7 above can be absorbed within the provisions under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

11. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, it is anticipated that net additional resources of $247,700 would be required, as follows:

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General temporary assistance	165 900
Consultants	19 600
Overtime	300
Travel of staff	29 500
Contractual services	22 600
General operating expenses	8 800
Supplies and materials	1 000
Total	247 700

H. Contingency fund

12. It will be recalled that under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under that procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

13. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the required costs from the contingency fund, the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67 may have to be postponed, as provided for in the criteria for use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, it is estimated that an additional non-recurrent appropriation of $247,700 would be required under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

15. Furthermore, an additional appropriation of $42,100 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ A/47/322-E/1992/102 and addenda.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 50th meeting, held on 11 December 1992, the Second Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.2/47/L.45. Although the statement was based on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.30, which was withdrawn after the adoption of A/C.2/47/L.82, it was also applicable to draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8 to 13 of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82, the General Assembly would:

(a) Express its satisfaction with the action initiated by the Trade and Development Board for the implementation of the new institutional arrangements, and of the substantive orientations agreed upon by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and welcome Trade and Development Board decision 398 (XXXVIII) of 7 May 1992 on the follow-up to the recommendations adopted by the Conference at its eighth session; 1/

(b) Take note of the agreement by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session to suspend the existing Committees of the Trade and Development Board, with the exception of the Special Committee on Preferences and of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices;

(c) Endorse the establishment and the terms of reference of the new standing committees and of the new ad hoc working groups, as contained in Trade and Development Board decision 398 (XXXVIII), as well as the convening of executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board aimed at strengthening its policy function;

(d) Take note of Trade and Development Board decision 399 (XXXIX) of 9 October 1992 on the establishment of an ad hoc working group to explore the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament;

(e) Welcome the streamlining and strengthening of the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the improvement of methods of work aimed at providing an enriched substantive and technical basis for the functions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as agreed at the eighth session of the Conference;

(f) Endorse the convening, within existing resources, of a United Nations international symposium on trade efficiency in 1994 of one week's duration, and request the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make all the necessary arrangements for that symposium, taking into account the preparatory work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade Efficiency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the programme of work

3. The activities described in paragraph 2 above are related to section 15 (UNCTAD) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, as well as to section 32 (Conference services) up to 30 June 1992 and, from 1 July 1992, to new section 41 (Administration and management) of the programme budget for the current biennium. These activities are also related to major programme IV, programmes 13 (International trade), 14 (Development finance, resource flows and external debt), and 15 (Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. Proposed revisions to these programmes of the medium-term plan, reflecting decisions of the eighth session of UNCTAD are before the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in documents A/47/6 (Prog. 13), (Prog. 14) and (Prog. 15). Under the medium-term plan, these activities are also related to major programme IX, programme 39 (Conference and library services) and proposed revisions thereto in document A/47/6 (Prog. 39).

C. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1992-1993

4. Substantive activities in the areas covered by draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82 are programmed under section 15 (UNCTAD) of the programme budget for 1992-1993. The decisions of the eighth session of the Conference would require a reorientation and refocusing of the substantive work programme of UNCTAD. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD is in the process of reorganizing the UNCTAD secretariat to reflect these substantive changes. Since this reorganization is ongoing and its outcome not yet known, it is proposed that the modifications to the UNCTAD programme of work and reorganization of its secretariat be reported on in detail in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, which will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

5. With regard to the conference-servicing requirements of the restructured machinery of UNCTAD, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82, the meetings scheduled for the standing and ad hoc intergovernmental bodies suspended by the eighth session of the Conference would be replaced by meetings for the proposed new intergovernmental bodies established by the eighth session of the Conference. A list of the intergovernmental bodies of UNCTAD before and after restructuring is shown in annex I to the present report.

D. Estimated requirements in 1992-1993 at full cost

6. The calendar of meetings of UNCTAD for the biennium 1992-1993 approved prior to the convening of the eighth session of the Conference is as set forth in annex II to the report of the Committee on Conferences to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, 2/ which was approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/190. The draft revised calendar of meetings for UNCTAD during 1993 is contained in the annex to the report of the Committee of Conferences to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. 3/ In paragraph 13 of that report, the Committee on Conferences also requested the Secretariat to present to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session a statement of programme budget implications of the proposed restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD, following decisions of the Conference at its eighth session and of the Trade and Development Board.

7. The venue for meetings of the Trade and Development Board and its subsidiary bodies would continue to be Geneva. In estimating requirements for the draft revised calendar for 1993, provision has been made for standing committees, ad hoc working groups, and other expert groups based on certain assumptions. The periodicity of the new standing committees will be considered at the first session of each committee. Prior to restructuring, the standing committees tended to meet on a biennial basis for seven working days, and the ad hoc working groups tended to meet annually for five days. Pending a decision on their future periodicity, it is assumed that the new standing committees and the ad hoc working groups would meet on an annual basis, with the duration of their sessions limited to five working days.

8. The estimated conference-servicing requirements for the new intergovernmental structure of UNCTAD are based on the following pattern of meetings for the current biennium:

(a) Trade and Development Board: one annual session programmed in two parts, with each part requiring 10 working days and provided with six meetings per day of interpretation in the six official languages and two meetings per day in four languages;

(b) Six standing committees: one annual session for each committee, with sessions limited to five days and provided with four meetings per day of interpretation in the six official languages and two meetings per day in four languages;

(c) Nine ad hoc working groups: one annual session for each group, with sessions limited to five days and provided with two meetings per day of interpretation in the six official languages and two meetings per day in four languages;

(d) Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget: two sessions per year, each session limited to five days and provided with two meetings per day of interpretation in the six official languages and two meetings per day in four languages;

(e) Other commodity conferences and meetings: seven sessions projected for the biennium, with a duration on average of 10 working days each session, provided with four meetings per day of interpretation in the six official languages and two meetings per day in four languages;

(f) Other working parties, study groups and expert groups: a total of 150 days projected for the biennium provided with two meetings per day of interpretation in the six official languages.

9. Documentation estimates have been based on the assumption of an average provision of four pre-session and one post-session document for standing committees and two pre-session and one post-session document for ad hoc working groups. In-session documentation has been estimated at five pages per working day for standing committees and ad hoc working groups. Documentation requirements for other working parties, commodity conferences and expert groups vary, depending on the number and complexity of the issues involved. However, efforts have been made to maintain consistency in the methodology and assumptions underlying the comparative estimates of costs of conference-servicing requirements prior to and following restructuring.

10. As indicated in annex II to the present report, the estimates of conference-servicing costs for the UNCTAD calendar of meetings for the biennium 1992-1993 approved prior to the eighth session of the Conference were estimated at $23,991,700 on a theoretical full-cost basis, assuming that no part of the requirements could be met from the permanent conference-servicing capacity of the Organization, and that they would all be met by temporary

staff. The conference-servicing costs for the draft revised calendar of UNCTAD meetings for the current biennium are estimated at $21,991,200, also on a theoretical full-cost basis.

E. Potential for absorption

11. The cost of servicing the intergovernmental bodies of UNCTAD following restructuring, amounting to $21,991,200 on a theoretical full-cost basis, would be provided from the overall conference-servicing capacity of the Organization. The meetings of these bodies, which will be included in the revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992-1993, will be serviced from within the existing resources provided under section 32 (Conference services) up to 30 June 1992 and, from 1 July 1992, under new section 41 (Administration and management) during the current biennium. The provision requested for 1992-1993 was based on the assumption that the overall number and distribution of meetings and conferences in 1992-1993 would be consistent with the pattern of meetings for the United Nations in past years. The provision requested for temporary assistance for meetings in this connection was significantly reduced by the General Assembly when it appropriated funds for 1992-1993, and current indications are that requirements for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992 will exceed the 1992 portion of the related appropriation. In view of this, and since the estimated savings related to the change in the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD are based on assumptions of conference-servicing needs, on a theoretical full-cost basis, it is proposed that any net reduction in the actual conference-servicing costs resulting from the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD be reflected in the second performance report on the programme budget for 1992-1993, together with other factors affecting these requirements. This report will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

F. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.82, no additional appropriation would be required during the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ A/47/15, vol. I, chap. II.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/46/32).

3/ A/47/32 and Add.1.

Annex I

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Intergovernmental bodies before restructuring	Intergovernmental bodies after restructuring
Standing Committees	Standing Committees
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD	TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Committee on Commodities	Standing Committee on Commodities
Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries	Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries
Special Committee on Preferences	Special Committee on Preferences
Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade	Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors: Fostering Competitive Services Sectors in Developing Countries
Committee on Manufactures	Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation
Committee on Shipping	Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices
Committee on Transfer of Technology	
Committee on Tungsten	
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices	
Working Parties and ad hoc groups	Working Parties and ad hoc groups
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore	Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten
	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT

Intergovernmental bodies before restructuring (continued)	Intergovernmental bodies after restructuring (continued)
Working Parties and ad hoc groups (continued)	Working Parties and ad hoc groups (continued)
Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Interrelationship between Investment and Technology Transfer
Working Party on International Shipping Legislation	Ad Hoc Working Group on Expansion of Trading Opportunities for Developing Countries
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Definitions and Methodology employed in the UNCTAD Data Base on Trade Measures	Ad Hoc Working Group on Investment and Financial Flows; Non-debt-creating Finance for Development; New Mechanisms for Increasing Investment and Financial Flows
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and related subjects	Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade Efficiency
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Compensatory Financing of Export Earnings Shortfalls	Ad Hoc Working Group on Comparative Experiences with Privatization
Working Party on Diversification, Processing, Marketing and Distribution, including Transportation	Ad Hoc Working Group on Structural Adjustment for the Transition to Disarmament
Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Development, Improvement and Operation of Ports	
Other commodity conferences and meetings	Other commodity conferences and meetings
Provision for seven commodity sessions of 15 days each in the biennium	Provision for seven commodity sessions of 10 days each in the biennium
Other working parties, study groups and expert groups	Other working parties, study groups and expert groups
Provision for 150 days with 2 meetings per day in the biennium	Provision for 150 days with 2 meetings per day in the biennium

Annex II

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1992-1993

A. Conference-servicing requirements at full cost before restructuring

Pre-session documentation	$
6,250 pages, 250 documents (A, C, E, F, R, S)	6 985 300
Meeting servicing	
Interpretation - 1,500 meetings (A, C, E, F, R, S), 700 meetings (A, E, F, S)	10 652 500
In-session documentation	
3,250 pages, 130 documents (A, C, E, F, R, S)	3 559 800
Post-session documentation	
2,500 pages, 100 documents (A, C, E, F, R, S)	2 794 100
TOTAL	23 991 700

B. Conference-servicing requirements at full cost after restructuring

Pre-session documentation	$
6,000 pages, 240 documents (A, C, E, F, R, S)	6 705 800
Meeting servicing	
Interpretation - 1,300 meetings (A, C, E, F, R, S), 600 meetings (A, E, F, S)	9 208 100
In-session documentation	
3,125 pages, 125 documents (A, C, E, F, R, S)	3 422 900
Post-session documentation	
2,375 pages, 95 documents (A, C, E, F, R, S)	2 654 400
TOTAL	21 991 200